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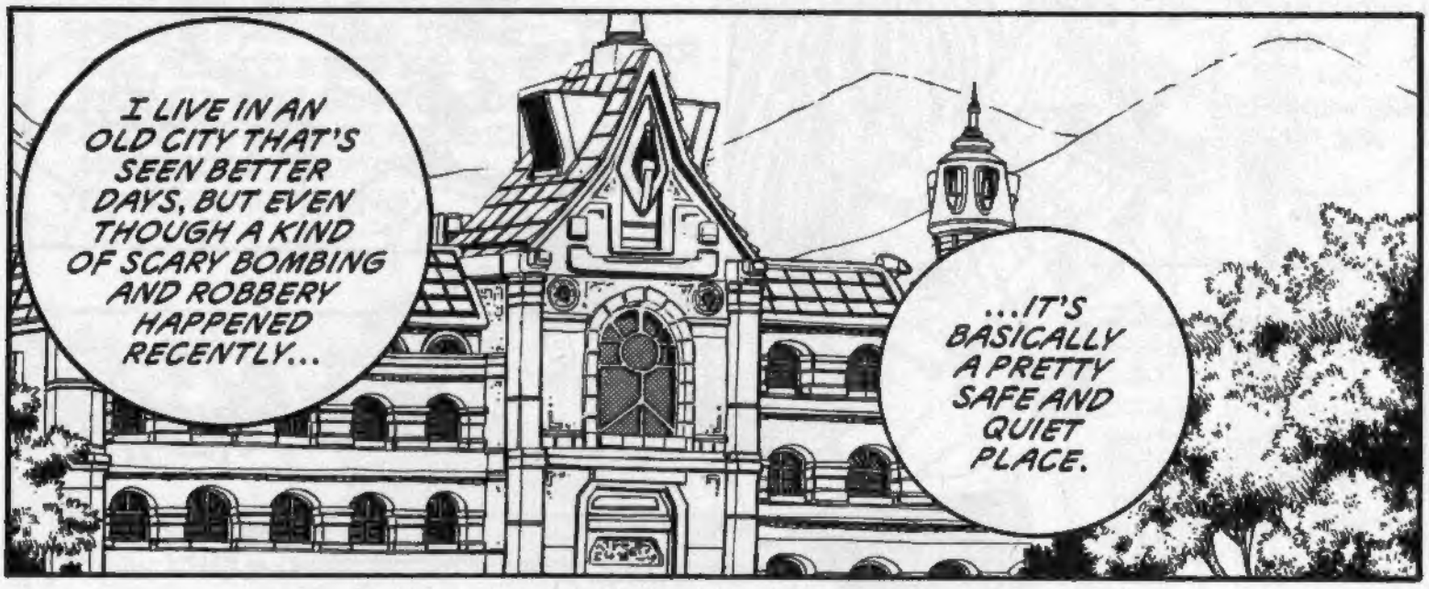
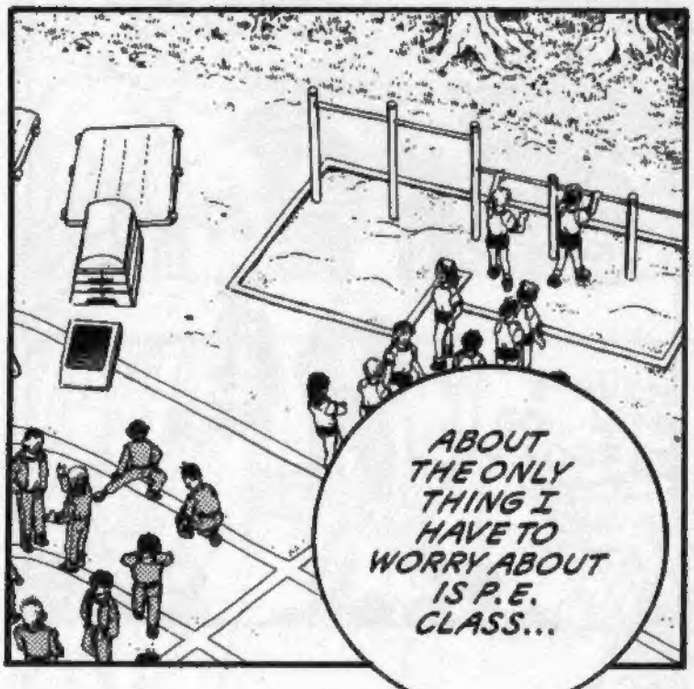
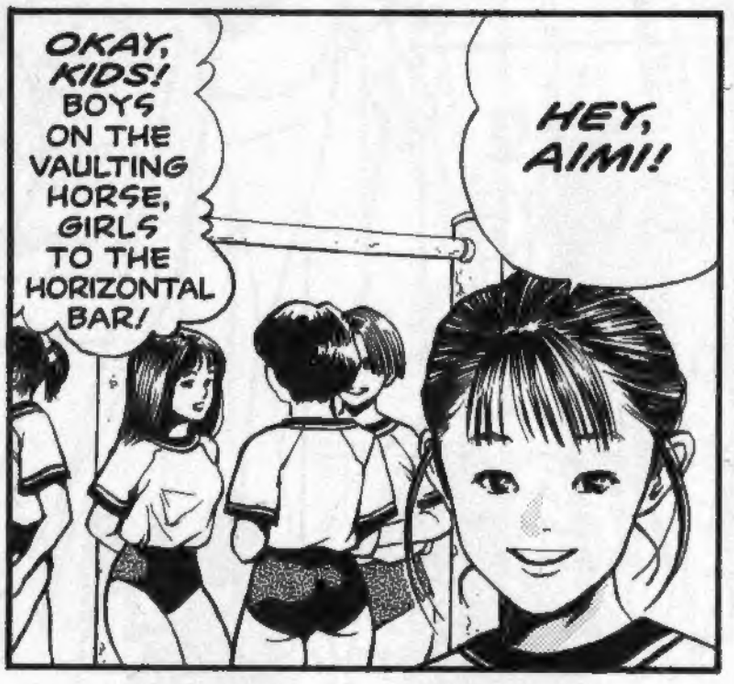
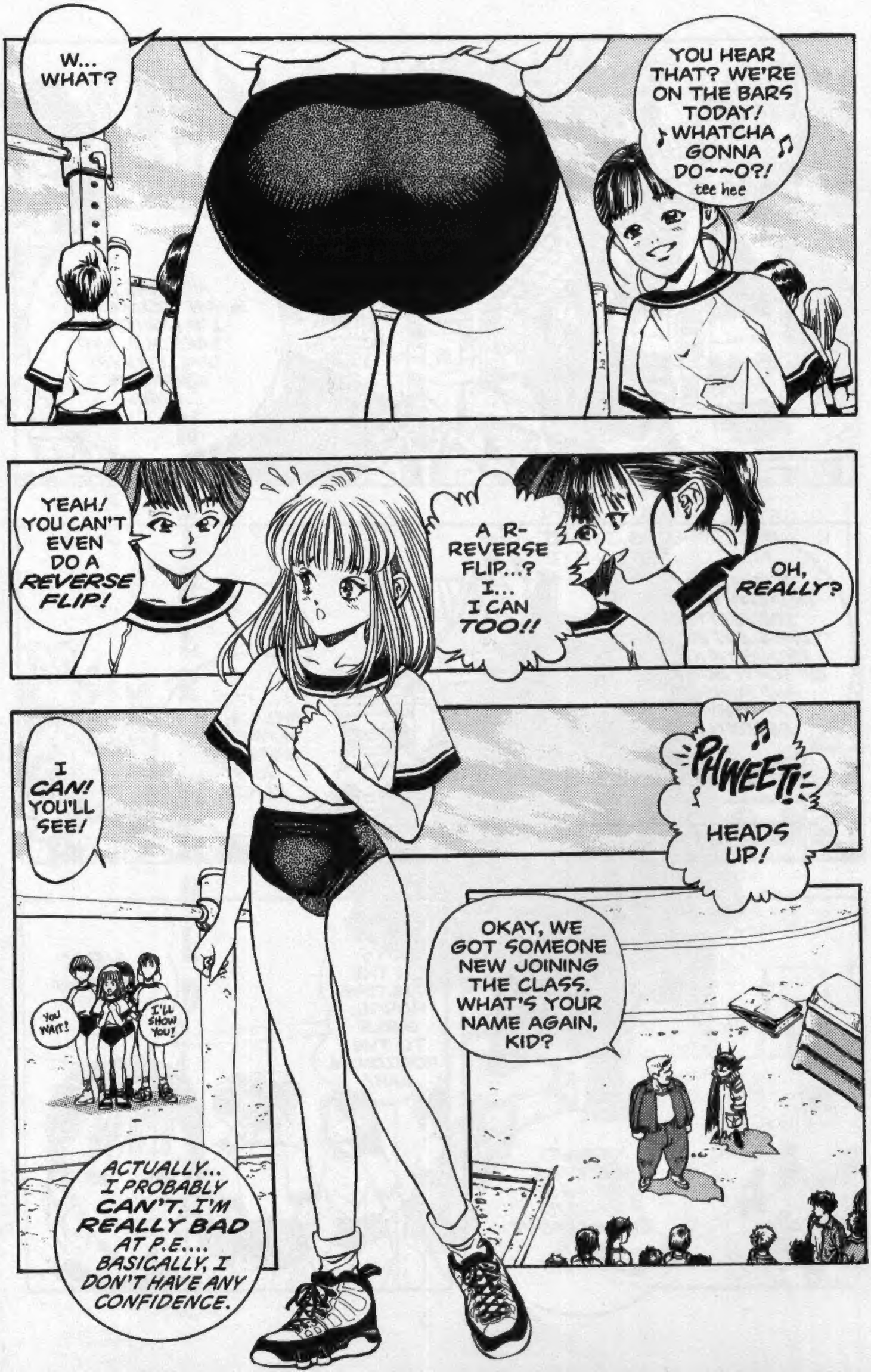
ANOTHER WORLD

MY NAME IS AIMI KOMORI. I'M EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, AND REALLY A VERY ORDINARY GIRL.


I LIVE IN AN OLD CITY THAT'S SEEN BETTER DAYS, BUT EVEN THOUGH A KIND OF SCARY BOMBING AND ROBBERY HAPPENED RECENTLY...
...IT'S BASICALLY A PRETTY SAFE AND QUIET PLACE.


ABOUT THE ONLY THING I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IS P.E. CLASS...


OKAY, KIDS! BOYS ON THE VAULTING HORSE, GIRLS TO THE HORIZONTAL BAR!
HEY, AIMI!


W... WHAT?
YOU HEAR THAT? WE'RE ON THE BARS TODAY! ♪WHATCHA GONNA DO~~O?! tee hee
YEAH! YOU CAN'T EVEN DO A REVERSE FLIP!
A R-REVERSE FLIP...? I... I CAN TOO!!
OH, REALLY?
I CAN! YOU'LL SEE!
PHWEET!
HEADS UP!
OKAY, WE GOT SOMEONE NEW JOINING THE CLASS. WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN, KID?
YOU WAIT!
I'LL SHOW YOU!
ACTUALLY... I PROBABLY CAN'T. I'M REALLY BAD AT P.E.... BASICALLY, I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE.

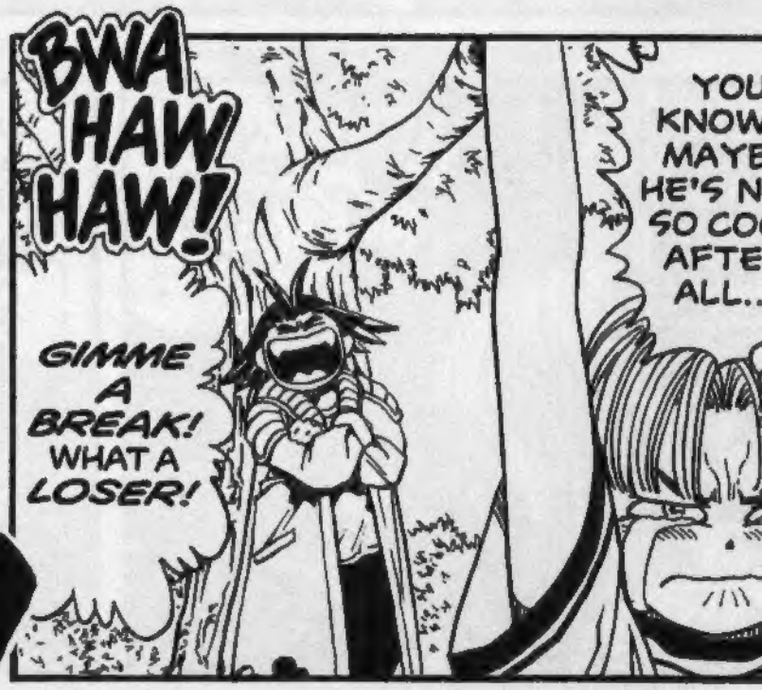
HONDA... BRIGHT HONDA.
LOOKS LIKE THE CRIME RATE'S RISING IN THIS 'BURG. I WANT YOU ALL TO KEEP AN EYE PEELED FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES AND LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SEE ANYTHING.
GOT IT?
UH... GUESS I DON'T GET YOU KIDS' JOKES ANYMORE. I MUST BE GETTING OLD, HUH? HA HA... HEH...?
HEY, IT'S NOT JUST YOU, TEACH.
MAYBE HE'S A BIT... I DUNNO... NUTS?
E-EVEN SO... HE'S... SORT OF COOL... KINDA SORTA...

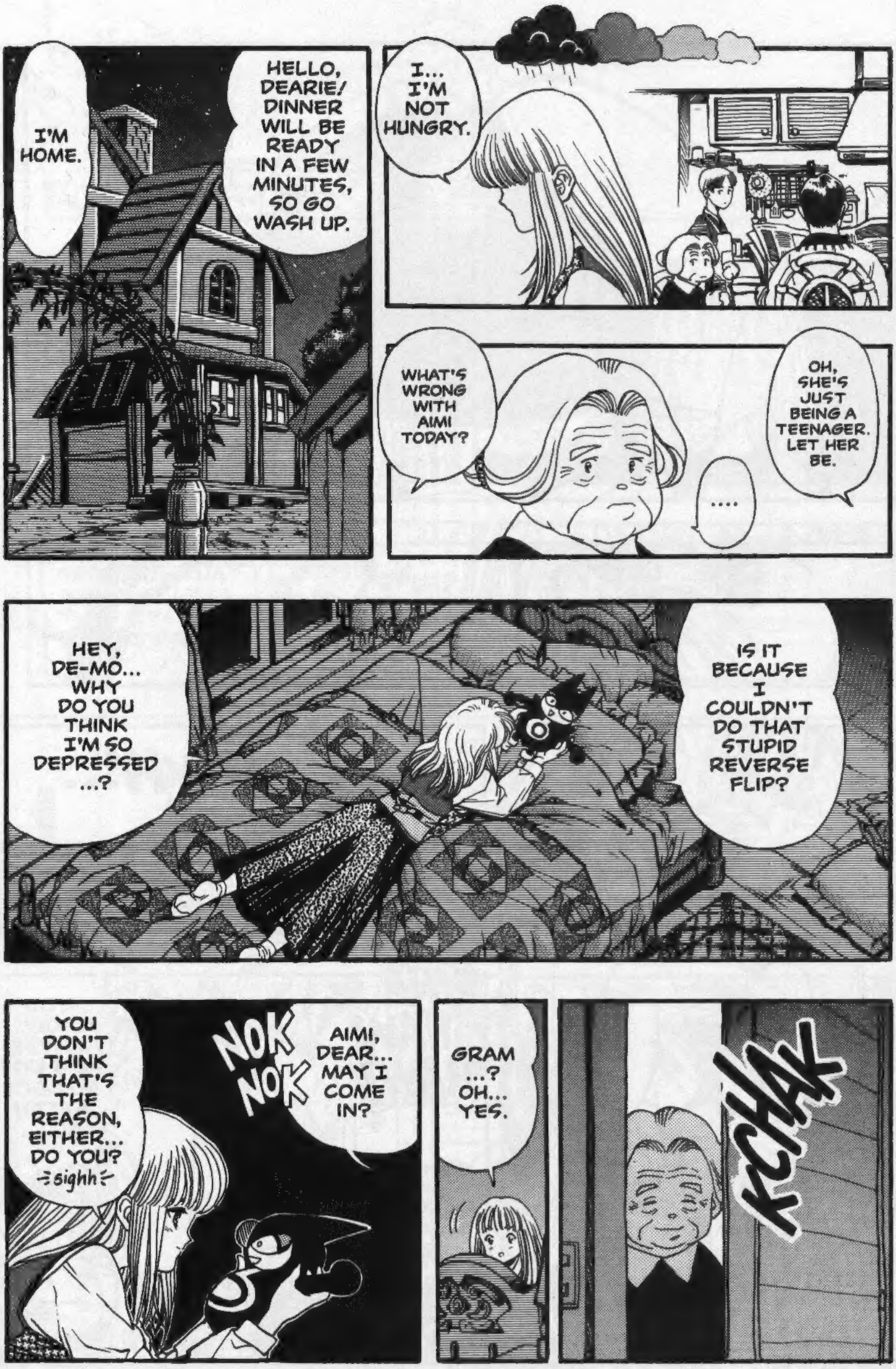
OKAY, GET YOUR BUTTS IN GEAR!
TODAY WE'LL REVIEW SOME OF THE BASICS. HEY, KOMORI! C'MON OVER HERE AND GIVE ME A REVERSE FLIP.
GACK!
DON'T TELL ME YOU AIN'T EVEN GOT THAT DOWN YET?
ulp
ARGGH... IF I BOTCH IT IN FRONT OF THAT NEW KID, HE'LL THINK I'M SUCH A LOSER...!
yawwwn
OKAY, AIMI! DO OR DIE!
HYAHH!
WHSSH
JUST GO FOR IT!!

uh
oh

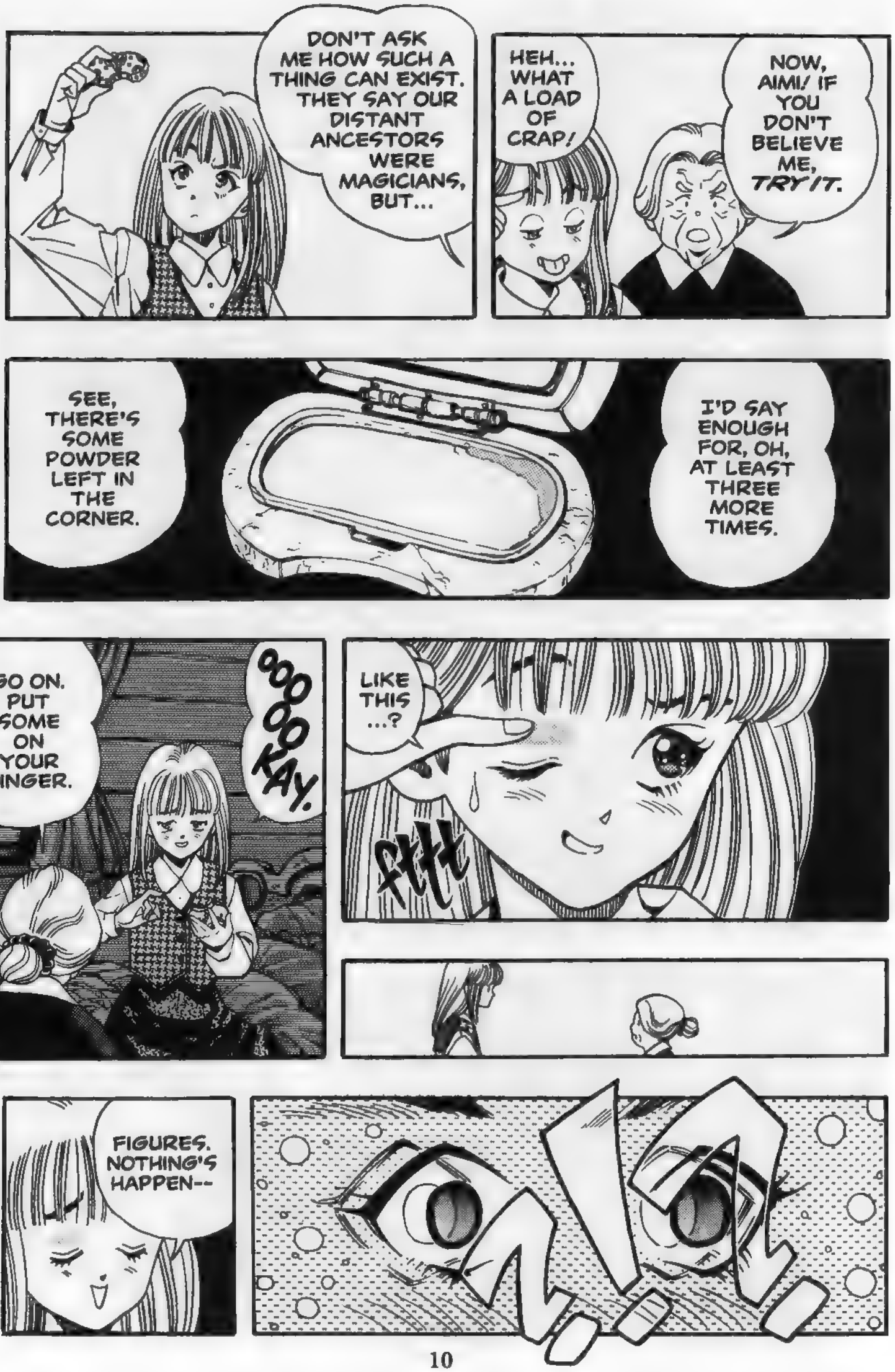
FWHAM

AWWWW...


BWA HAW HAW!
GIMME A BREAK! WHAT A LOSER!
YOU KNOW MAYB HE'S N SO CO AFTE ALL..

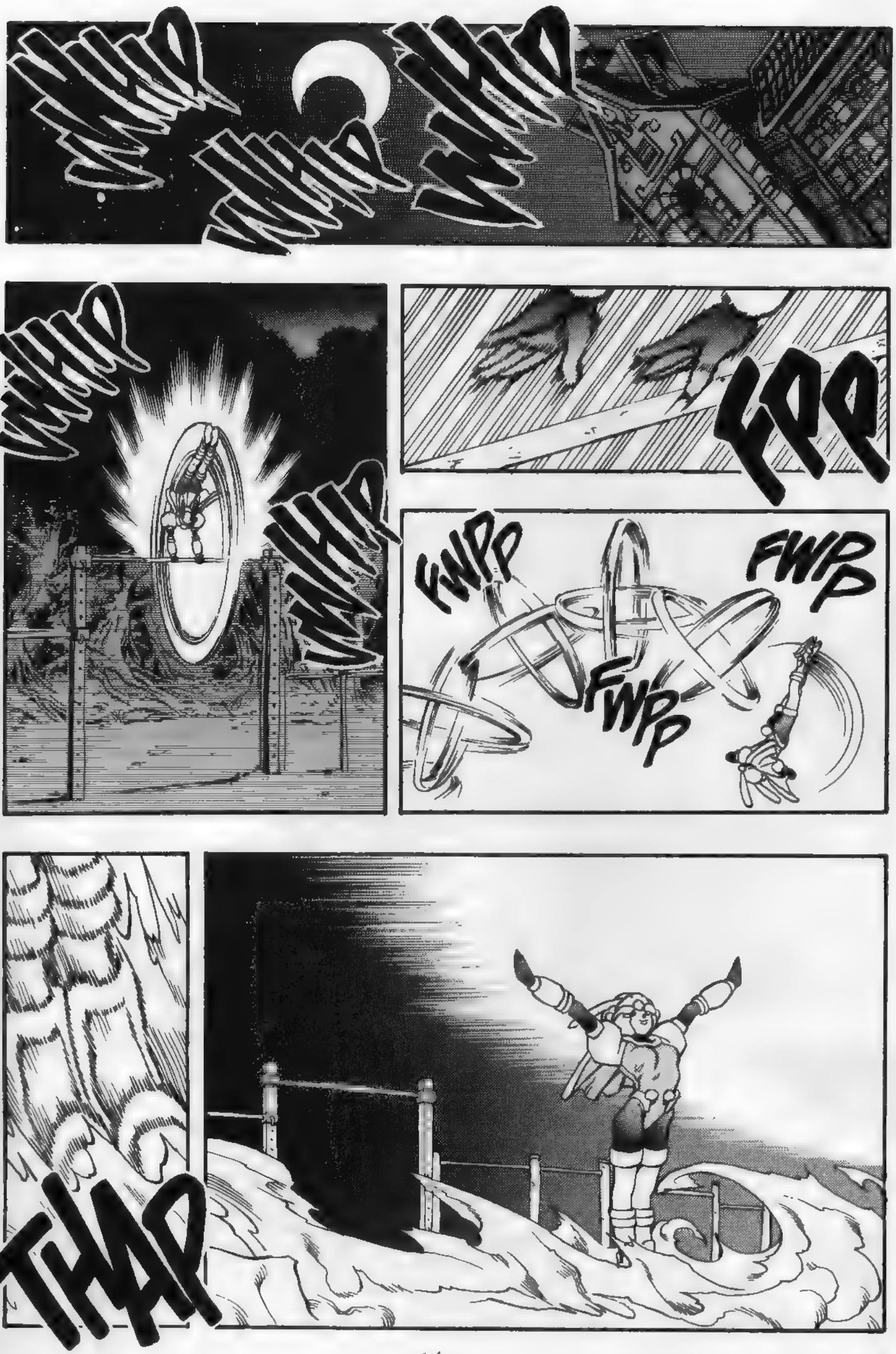

I'M HOME.
HELLO, DEARIE! DINNER WILL BE READY IN A FEW MINUTES, SO GO WASH UP.
I... I'M NOT HUNGRY.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH AIMI TODAY?
....
OH, SHE'S JUST BEING A TEENAGER. LET HER BE.
HEY, DE-MO... WHY DO YOU THINK I'M SO DEPRESSED ...?
IS IT BECAUSE I COULDN'T DO THAT STUPID REVERSE FLIP?
YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S THE REASON, EITHER... DO YOU?
=sighh=
NOK NOK
AIMI, DEAR... MAY I COME IN?
GRAM ...? OH... YES.
KCHAK

.....I SEE. STILL STUCK ON THAT REVERSE FLIP, HMM? WELL, FOR SOME REASON OUR FAMILY HAS NEVER BEEN GOOD AT ATHLETICS.
I KNOW HOW TO CHEER YOU UP, AIMI, DEAR!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING VERY, VERY SPECIAL, A TREASURE PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS BY THE WOMEN OF THE KOMORI FAMILY.
A TREA-SURE, HUH? REALLY?
?? ER... WHAT IS IT?
IT'S MAGICAL EYE SHADOW THAT TURNS YOU INTO A SUPER-HERO.
YEAH, RIGHT. C'MON, GRAM! I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE!
SORRY, DEAR, BUT IT'S TRUE. I USED IT TO FLY AROUND TOWN MAKING QUITE A RUCKUS WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE.


DON'T ASK ME HOW SUCH A THING CAN EXIST. THEY SAY OUR DISTANT ANCESTORS WERE MAGICIANS, BUT...
HEH... WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP!
NOW, AIMI! IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, TRY IT.
SEE, THERE'S SOME POWDER LEFT IN THE CORNER.
I'D SAY ENOUGH FOR, OH, AT LEAST THREE MORE TIMES.
GO ON. PUT SOME ON YOUR FINGER.
OOOOKAY.
LIKE THIS ...?
FIGURES. NOTHING'S HAPPEN--
OH!

AAHH!!
GLK KK
ISN'T IT INTERESTING HOW THE TRANSFORMATION KEEPS UP WITH THE TIMES! MY LAND... LOOK AT THAT OUTFIT!
FSSSSHHHHH

WOW. WOW!! GRAM, IT'S REALLY TRUE! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WOW... I FEEL LIKE... I CAN'T STAND STILL!
THEN GO OUTSIDE AND FLY AROUND, CHILD. THAT'LL GET RID OF ALL THOSE GLOOMY THOUGHTS!
THANKS, GRAM!
NOW, THEN... HMM. BETTER GIVE HER SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER HER AND MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T GET HERSELF INTO TROUBLE.
OF COURSE! A BIT OF A DUSTING WITH THIS OTHER MAGIC TREASURE, AND...

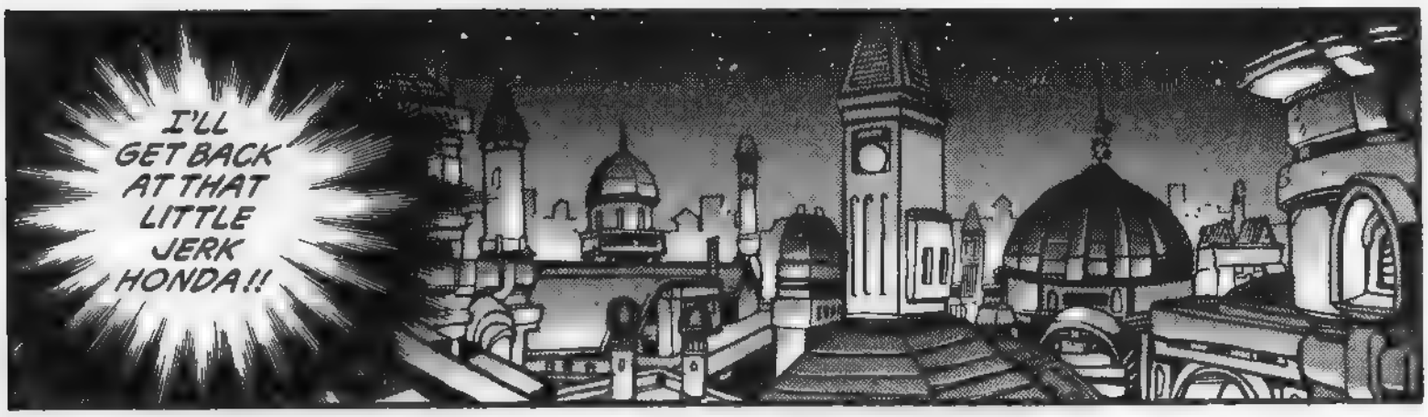

WHIP WHIP WHIP
WHIP WHIP
FPP
FWPP
FWPP
FWPP
TAP

FINALLY...
FINALLY!!
I'M IN HEAVEN!
ROCK AND ROLL!!
WHPP
TONIGHT, THIS TOWN BELONGS TO AIMI KOMORI!!
WHPP
THAP
HMM...
HEH, HEH...

?!
THANKS. I WAS JUST THINKING I'D LIKE SOME ICE CREAM.
GEEZ... CHILL OUT! HERE-- TRADE YA!
SHRIEK!
B- BUT... HEY... ??
LATER, KIDDO!

IT'S GREAT, WONDERFUL, FABULOUS, A DREAM COME TRUE!! I'VE NEVER FELT SO ALIVE AND FREE BEFORE!
IT'S LIKE I'VE BEEN REBORN! NOW... WHAT ELSE CAN I DO...? SOMETHING EVEN MORE FUN!!

AH, HAH!
I KNOW!


I'LL GET BACK AT THAT LITTLE JERK HONDA!!

EWHAT
SPOK

WHAT THE--? WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

A DE-FENDER OF JUSTICE!
PREPARE YOURSELF FOR YOUR JUST DESSERTS, VILE MISCREANT!
POK
I'M BAD
DON'T GIMME THAT CRAP, KID!
WISHAK
?!
TWANG
SHIK
H-HEY?!
KACHAK
THE POLICE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED, SO WAIT THERE LIKE A GOOD PERP.
WHY, YOU--! I OUGHTTA--!

HEY, KID. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, HUH? YOU'RE NOT THE POLICE, YOU KNOW.
!
I JUST CAN'T STAND VILLAINS. THAT'S ALL.
WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT? SHE SOME KIND OF NUTCASE?
THAT GIZMO... DID YOU MAKE THAT YOUR-SELF?
YEAH.
REALLY? GUESS YOU'RE MORE CLEVER THAN YOU LOOK.
tee hee
LOOK... JUST WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?
ME ...?
HMM... GUESS I CAN'T USE MY REAL NAME, CAN I?

ME...
SHADOW LADY!
WANNA PLAY COPS 'N' ROBBERS... HOW ABOUT I BE THE ROBBER ...?!
ME?! A DEFENDER OF JUSTICE?!
THEN YOU MUST BE EVIL!! PREPARE YOURSELF FOR PUNISH-MENT!
I'M BAD
SHAKK
HEH.
COME AND GET ME, LITTLE BOY!
HEY ?!
FWHA

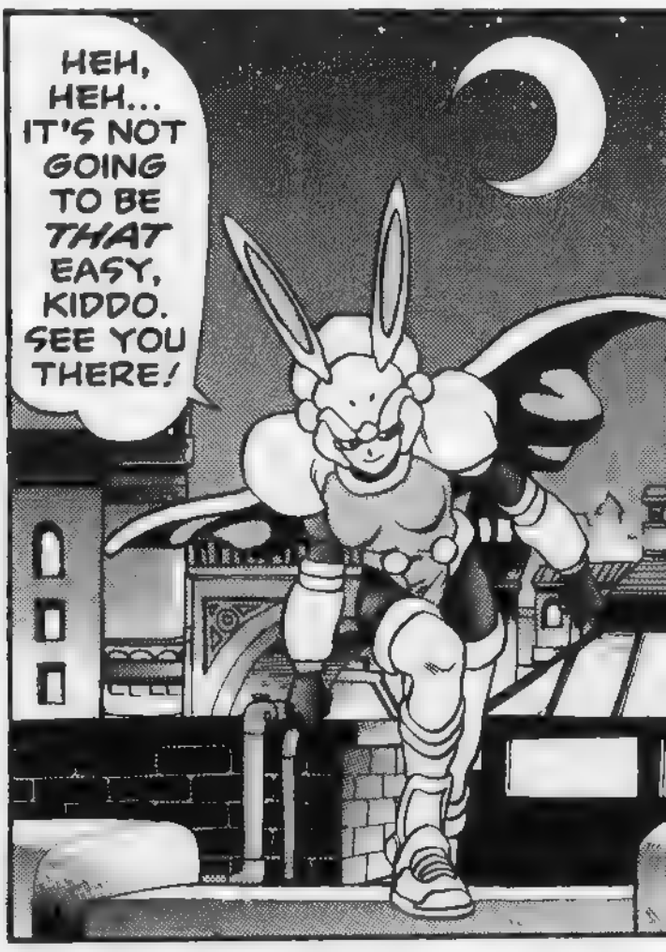
FSHOOM
tingg
VWHPP
HUH?
KREEEEEE
!!
WHEE!
MFF!
FWHIT
UFF
WHDD

THAP
WHOOSH
WELL, WELL. YOU'RE QUITE GOOD. YES, I LIKE YOU.
I THINK I'VE DECIDED WHAT KIND OF "ROBBER" I'D LIKE TO BE. HOW ABOUT... A THIEF OF HEARTS!
AND MY FIRST TARGET WILL BE... YOURS!
HAH! I COULD NEVER LOVE A--
WHKOOM
?!!

DAMN! HE STRUCK AGAIN!

HUH... I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON SOME LOONY BROAD IN A COSTUME. I'M AFTER A REAL CRIMINAL, HERE!

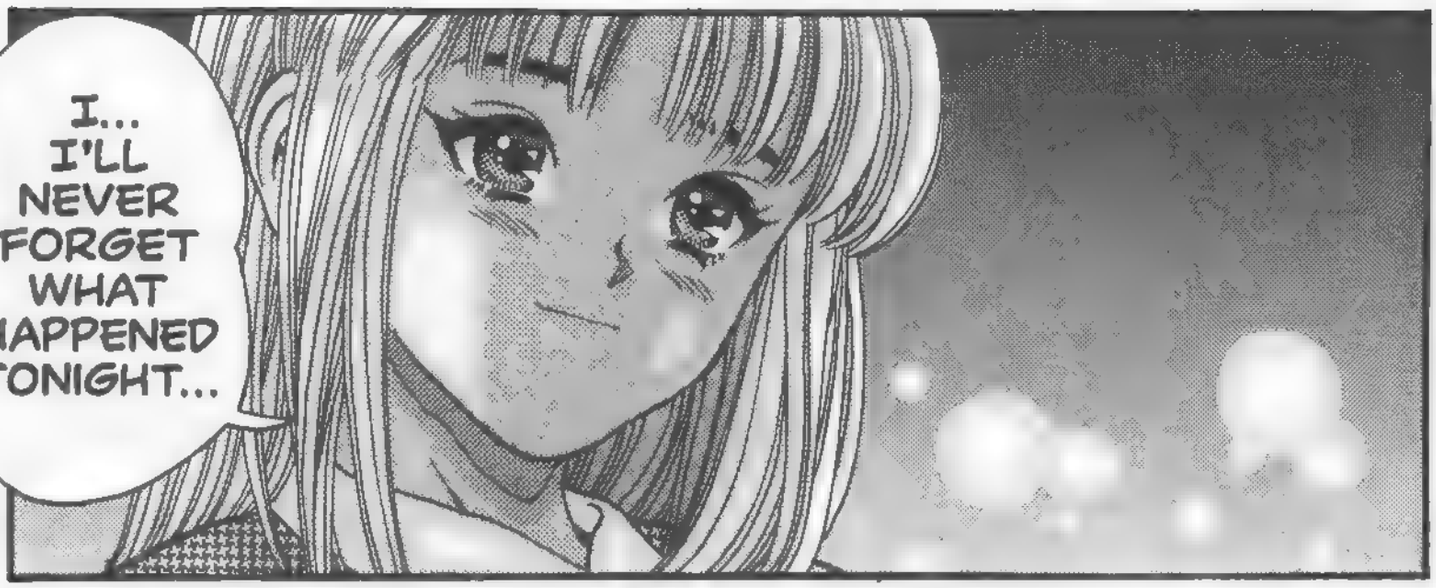
AD LOS!!


HEH, HEH... IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT EASY, KIDDO. SEE YOU THERE!

WHISSSHH

ff
uh-
oh.
WAAH! I'M GONNA DIE!
I'M GONNA DIEEE!
AIEEEEEE!!
HUH?
???
DE-MO...? WHAT TH--? HOW... HUH??

=Whewww!= COULDN'T HAVE CUT THAT ANY CLOSER, EH?
WAUGH! YOU CAN TALK?!
YEP! YOUR GRAND-MOTHER USED A MAGIC TREASURE CALLED THE POWDER OF LIFE...
...DUSTED ME, AND ZAP!
I... I SEE.
SO... THERE'S A TIME LIMIT TO THE CHANGE, HUH?
=sighh= ...IT WAS TOO SHORT, BUT I GOT TO LIVE A WONDERFUL DREAM. THE TOWN WAS LIKE AN AMUSEMENT PARK, JUST FOR ME.


I... I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT...

I'M HOME, GRAM! THANK YOU! ♥ IT WAS LOTS OF FUN!
WHAT? YOU'RE BACK AL-READY, DEAR?

BUT... IT'S BARELY BEEN TWO HOURS!
HEY! DE-MO TURNED BACK INTO A DOLL ALREADY!

NOW ISN'T THAT JUST THE STRANGEST THING! WHEN I USED TO USE IT, IT LASTED A WHOLE DAY... MAYBE THE MAGIC IS WEAKENING...?
AW, IT WAS A BLAST, ANY-WAY. HERE.

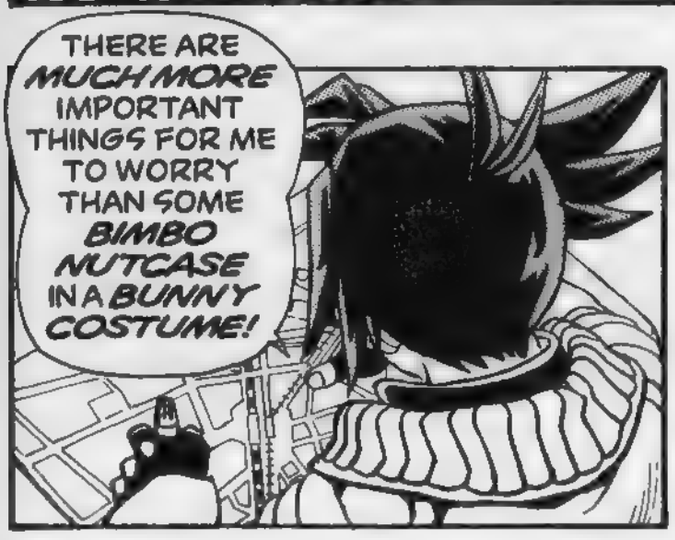
OH, NO, DEAREST! YOU DESERVE MORE FUN THAN THAT, AND THERE'S STILL ENOUGH FOR AT LEAST TWO MORE TRANSFOR-MATIONS.

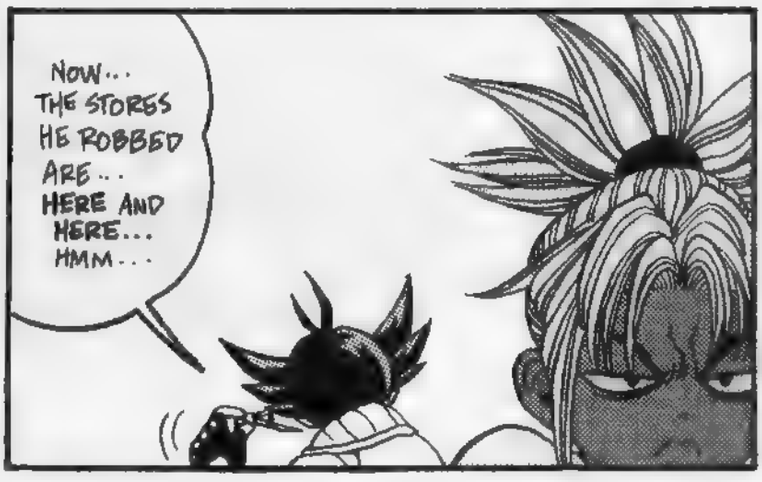
THANKS, GRAM, BUT THAT'S OKAY.
IF I EVER HAVE A DAUGHTER, I'D LIKE TO LET HER TO HAVE A CHANCE TO USE IT, TOO.

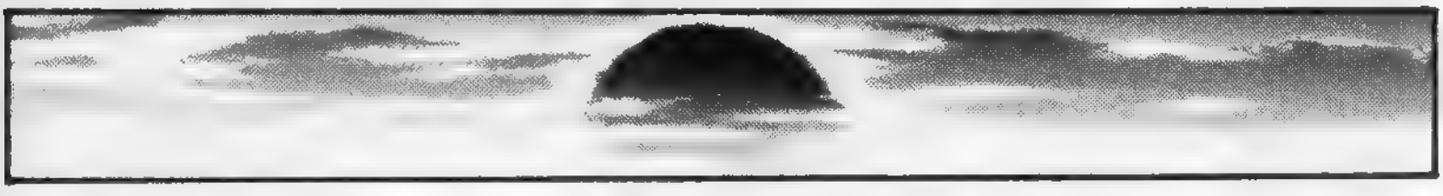
WELL... IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, AIMI.

WOW! AIMI, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
HMM?
YOU LOOK SO... DIFFERENT!
UMM... Y-YOU THINK IT'S... WEIRD?! MAYBE I SHOULD--
NO, NO, NO!!
YOU LOOK GREAT, AIMI, I SWEAR! IT'S REALLY YOU, SOMEHOW!
R... REALLY?
YOU SURE?
MAYBE THE CHANGE FROM THE MAGIC EYE SHADOW DIDN'T COMPLETELY GO AWAY...

SWAP
MAD BOMBER HITS SECOND JEWELLER
CURSES!!
THAT SCUMBAG IS GETTING COCKY! I KNEW WE COULDN'T RELY ON THE POLICE... LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING MYSELF!
GUESS HE IS A NUT, AFTER ALL, HUH?
GOSH... HE DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE ABOUT SHADOW LADY AT ALL...
=sighh=
THE NEXT DAY
U... UM... BRIGHT ...?
HUH? WHAT?
AH...um... I HEARD A RUMOR ABOUT A REAL COOL WOMAN WHO APPEARED IN TOWN A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO... CALLED "SHADOW LADY" OR SOMETHING. YOU...um... KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER...?
HUH?
WELL, YEAH... I DO.
WH... WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HER? IS SHE--
WHO CARES ?!


THERE ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THINGS FOR ME TO WORRY THAN SOME BIMBO NUTCASE IN A BUNNY COSTUME!


NOW... THE STORES HE ROBBED ARE... HERE AND HERE... HMM...



YES!!
I'VE GOT IT!! THIS MUST BE THE NEXT STORE HE'LL ATTACK!! I'LL STAKE IT OUT EVERY NIGHT, STARTING RIGHT NOW!!

TNRTMP
....
....
HMM.
GRAAAAA!!
JEWELRY
UNRH!!
?!

HIIII!
YOU AGAIN? GET LOST. YOU'RE GONNA WRECK EVERY-THING.
HEH, HEH... OH, AMI? IN FACT... BEFORE THE BOMBER COULD COME...
SHIIN
...I STOLE ALL OF THE JEWELRY!
THEN YOU'RE A VILLAIN AND I'M GOING TO ARREST YOU, TOO!
SHAKK
FINISH

FWHP
KCHAK
THP
UHG!
WHOA!
KRAK

SKWISH
S-S-SORRY!!
OH... THAT'S OKAY!
THWAP
GMPH!
WHSSHH
?!?
WHOO

LOOKS LIKE I'VE FOUND YOUR WEAKNESS, YOU NAUGHTY LITTLE BOY! SO-- GIVE UP?
TH... THIS ISN'T FIGHTING FAIR!
WHOOO...
GNGH!
LOOKS LIKE I WIN, HMM?
?!♥?!
MGMPH! MRNFF!
??
!!!
tik tik tik
MGMPH! GMRF!!

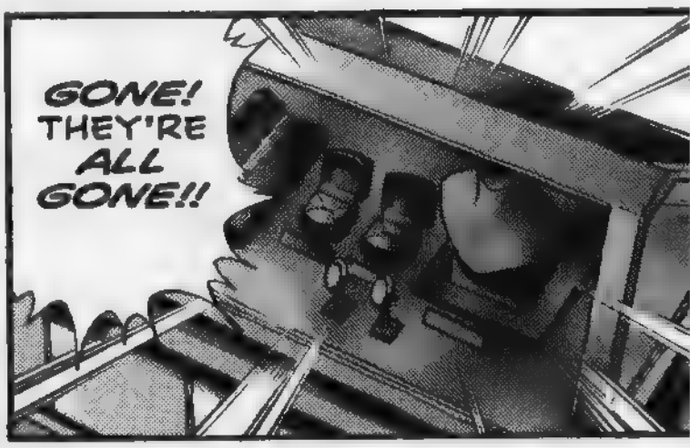
OOH... I-IF YOU DON'T STOP DOING THAT, I... I... I'LL WRITE SOMEONE FOR HELP... ♥
KHKOOOM
WH- WHAT ?!
GASP!
THERE'S ANOTHER BOMB RIGHT OVER THERE, YOU IDIOT!!! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!!!
tik tik tik
!
OKAY! LEAVE IT TO ME!! I'LL--
fffft
OH, NO.

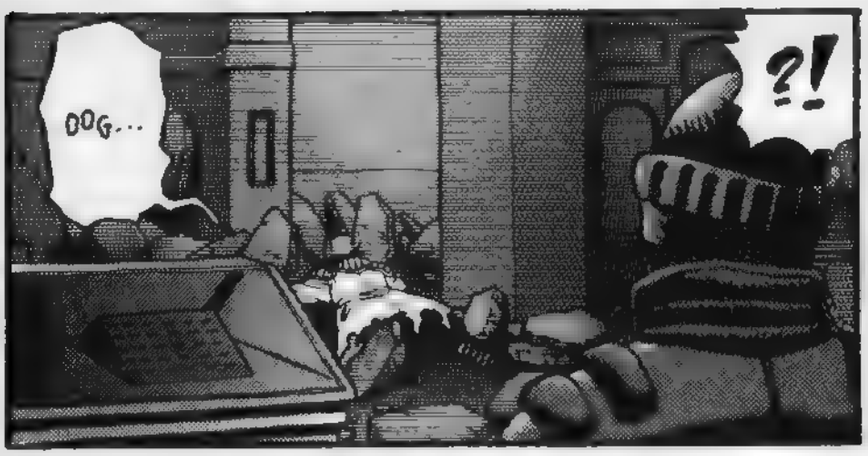
uh-oh
WHAM

HEH, HEH... I MUST SAY, I'VE DONE AN UTTERLY SPLENDID JOB, AS USUAL.
BOMBING THE SITE WITHOUT DAMAGING THE INTERIOR! THE WORK OF A TRUE ARTISTE IN EXPLOSIVES!

NOW THEN... TIME TO LOAD UP ALL THE--

WHA--?!


GONE! THEY'RE ALL GONE!!


OOG...
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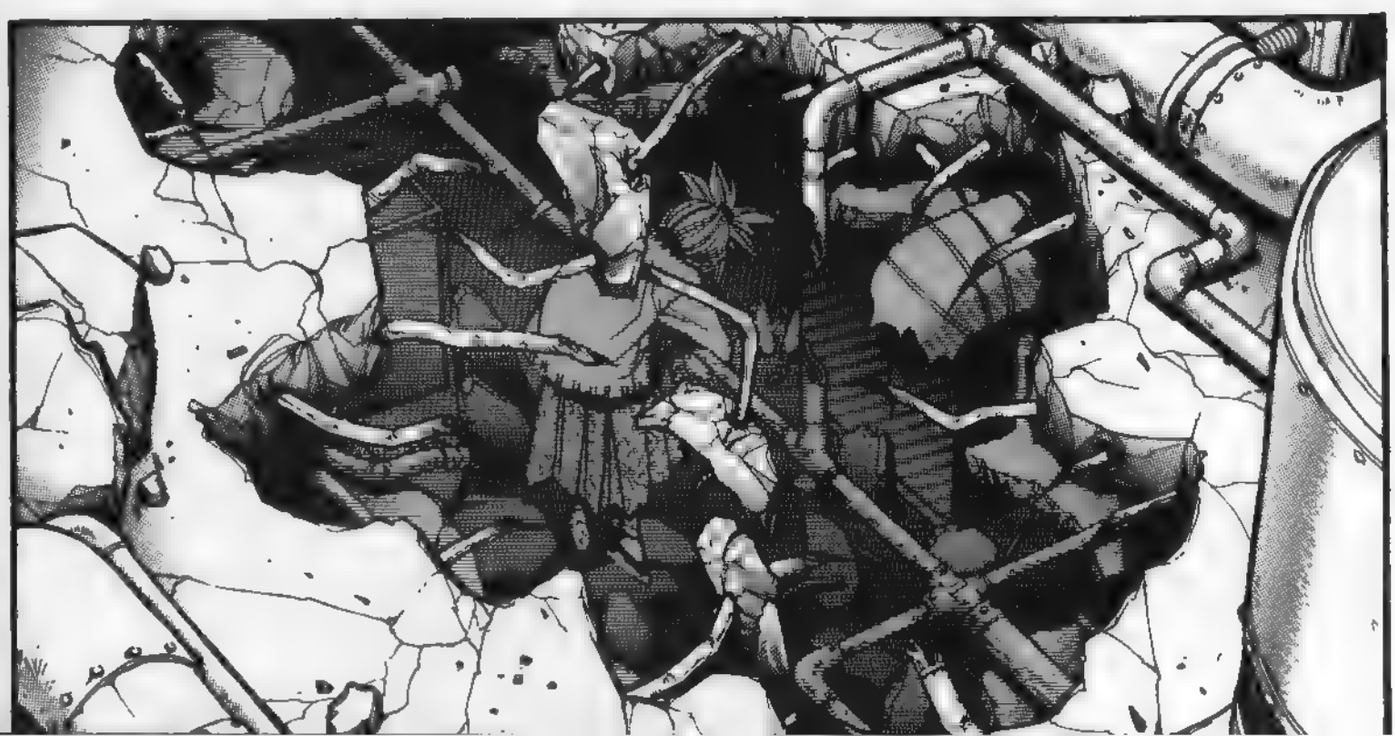
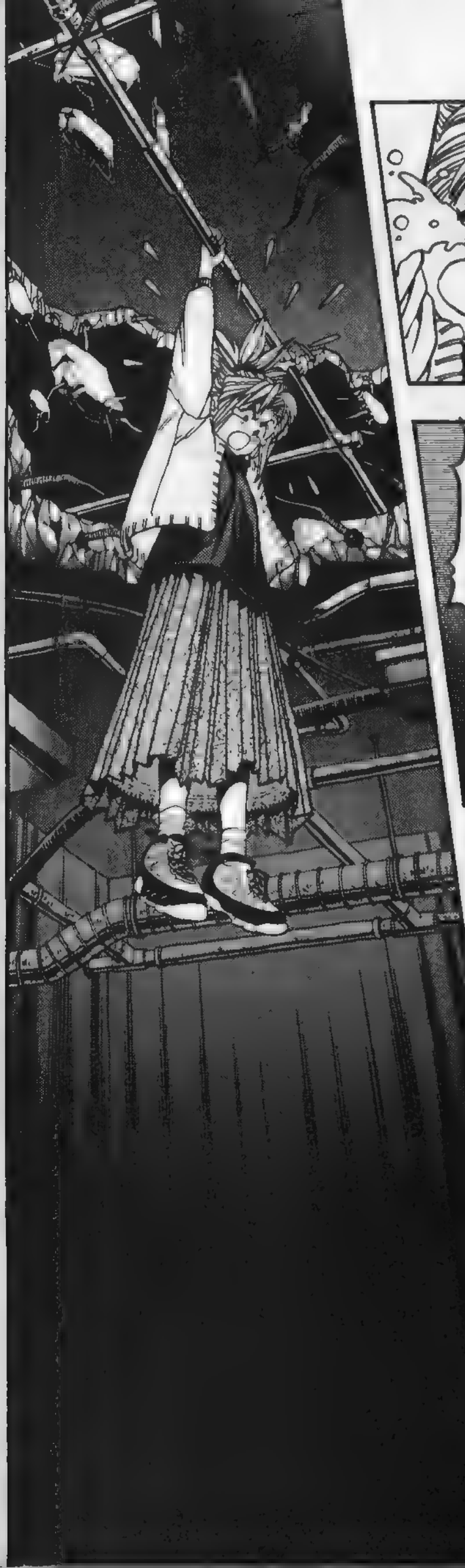
YOU ...?! YOU LITTLE X&%$!!

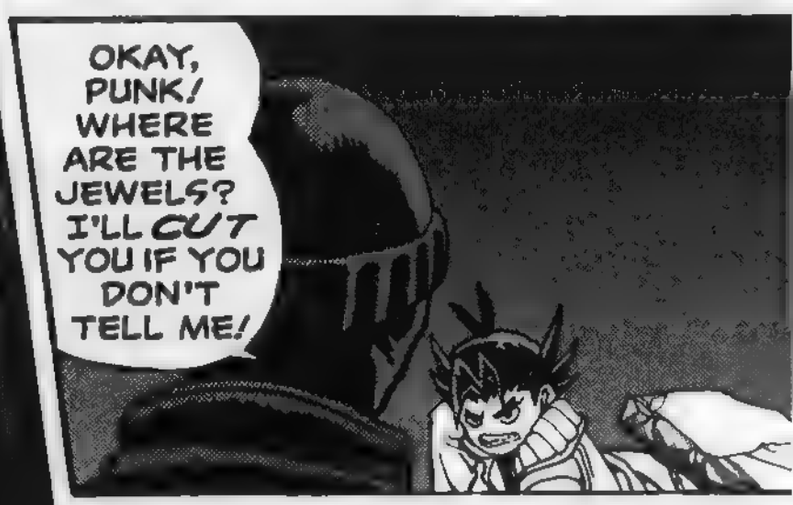


I'M...
I'M ALIVE ...?!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE MAD BOMBER IS DOWN THERE WITH BRIGHT... AND I'M STILL IN BIG TROUBLE!
WOW... RIGHT IN THE NICK OF TIME, AGAIN!
DE-MO!!
AND IT WAS GOOD THINKING TO BRING THIS ALONG JUST IN CASE, HUH? NOW YOU CAN--
FWHP
AUGHH!
OH, DE-MO!! COULDN'T YOU HAVE LASTED FIVE MORE SECONDS?!
FWHP
WHOOP!

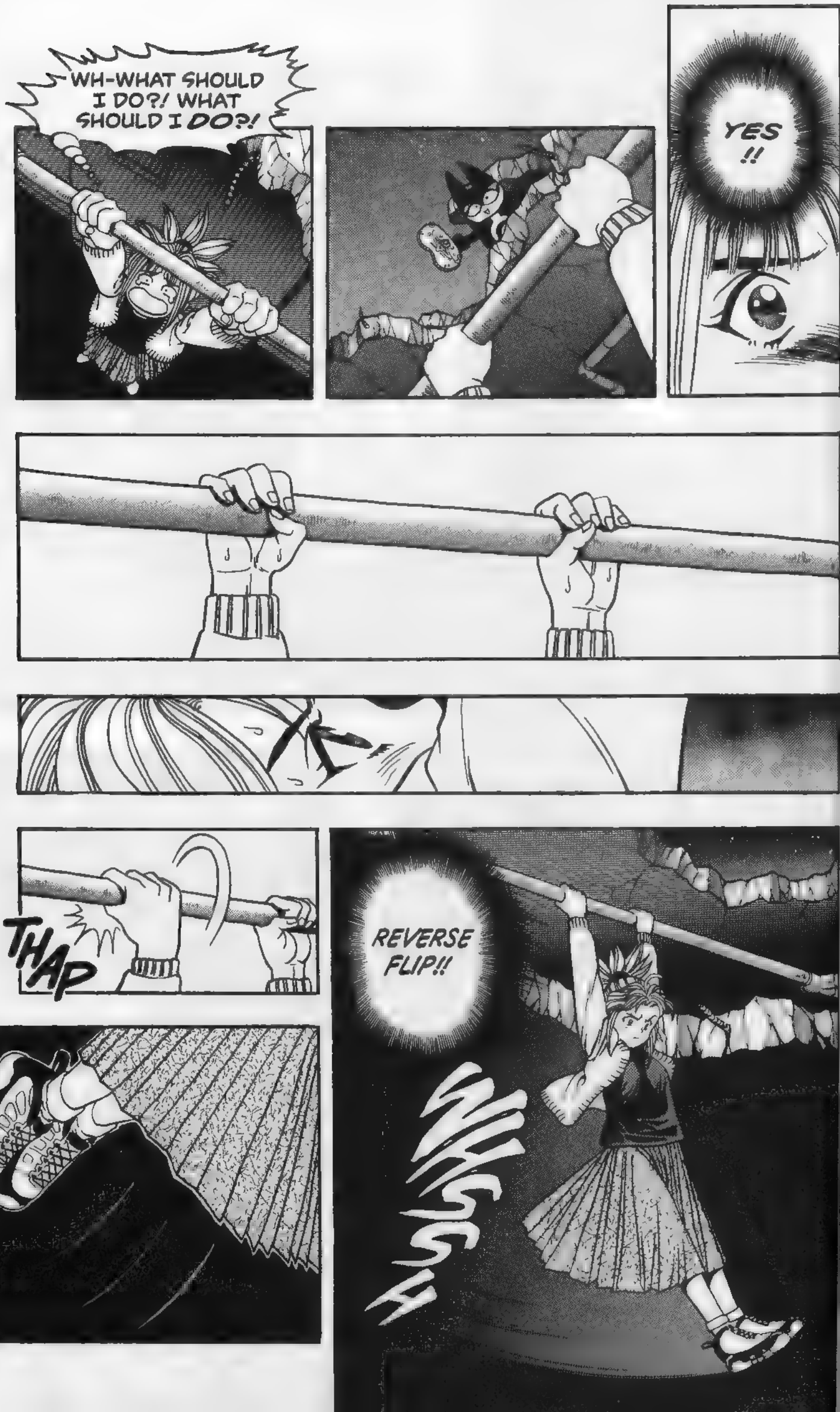


WAAAH!
N-N-NOW WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
OH ?!

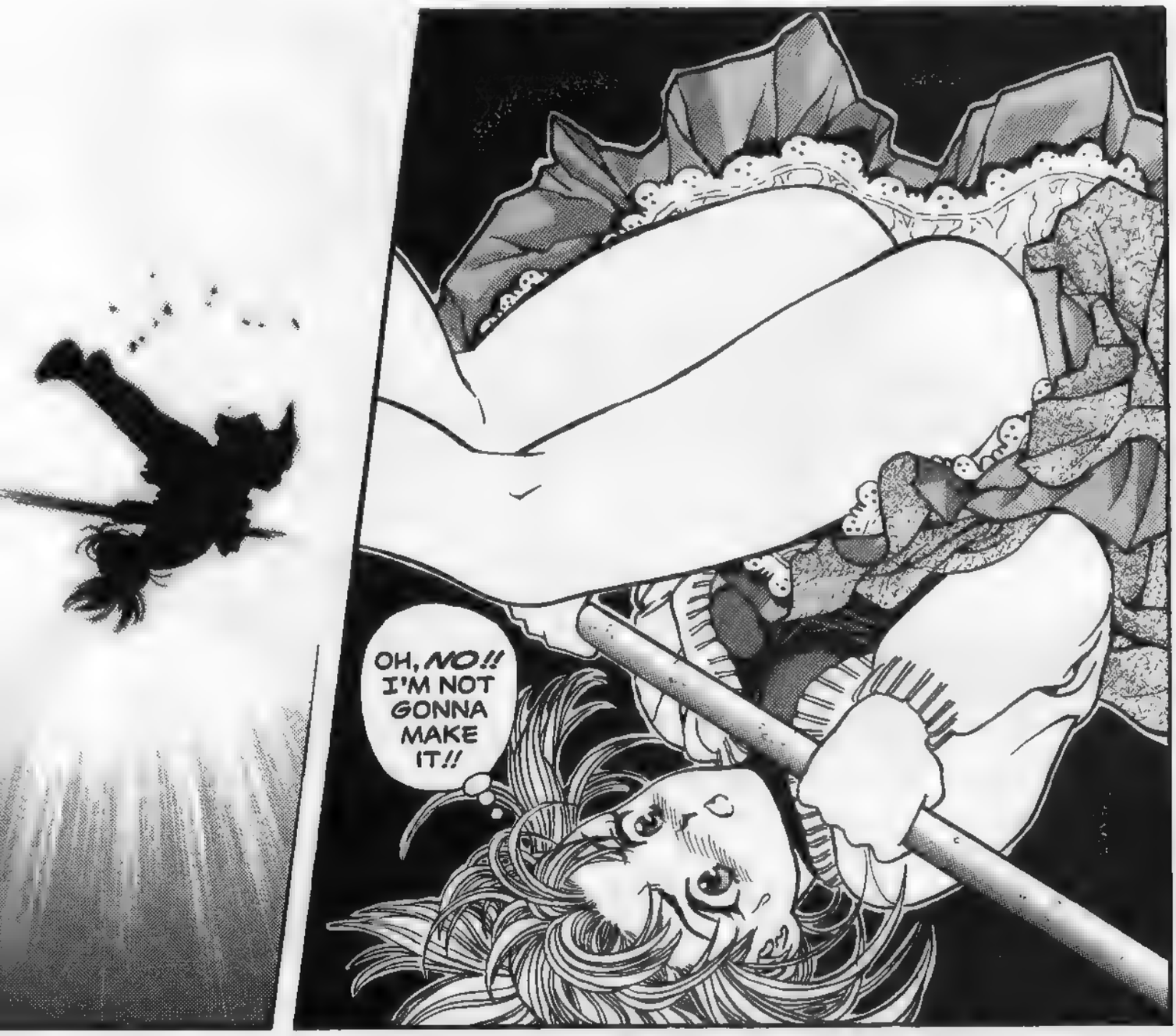
OH, NO! THAT GUY'S GOT A KNIFE!


OKAY, PUNK! WHERE ARE THE JEWELS? I'LL CUT YOU IF YOU DON'T TELL ME!

DAMN... I THINK MY LEG'S BROKEN... CAN'T MOVE, ANYWAY... NOW WHAT?


WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO?! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
YES !!
THAP
REVERSE FLIP!!
WHSSH

FWHIT
YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT, AIMI!!
REMEMBER-- YOU COULD DO ANYTHING AS SHADOW LADY!!
THAT ENERGY AND COURAGE IS SOMEWHERE INSIDE YOU!
DON'T WANNA TALK, HUH? YOU GOT GUTS, KID. HEH, HEH... SHALL WE TAKE A LOOK AT THEM?
SO I KNOW...
WHSSSH
...I CAN DO IT!!

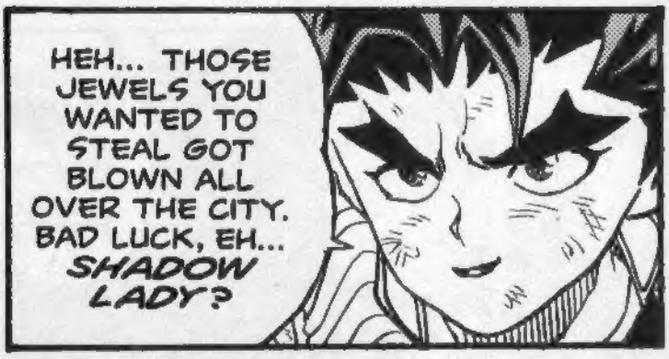

OH, NO!! I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT!!

PLEASE! PLEASE!! JUST A LITTLE MORE...
WELL, TALK, DON'T TALK... DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY. YOU SAW ME, YOU GOTTA DIE.
THE JEWELS CAN'T BE FAR IF YOU'RE STILL HERE, SO...
NYEH HEH HEH
whttt

I DID IT!!
NOW YOU DIE!!

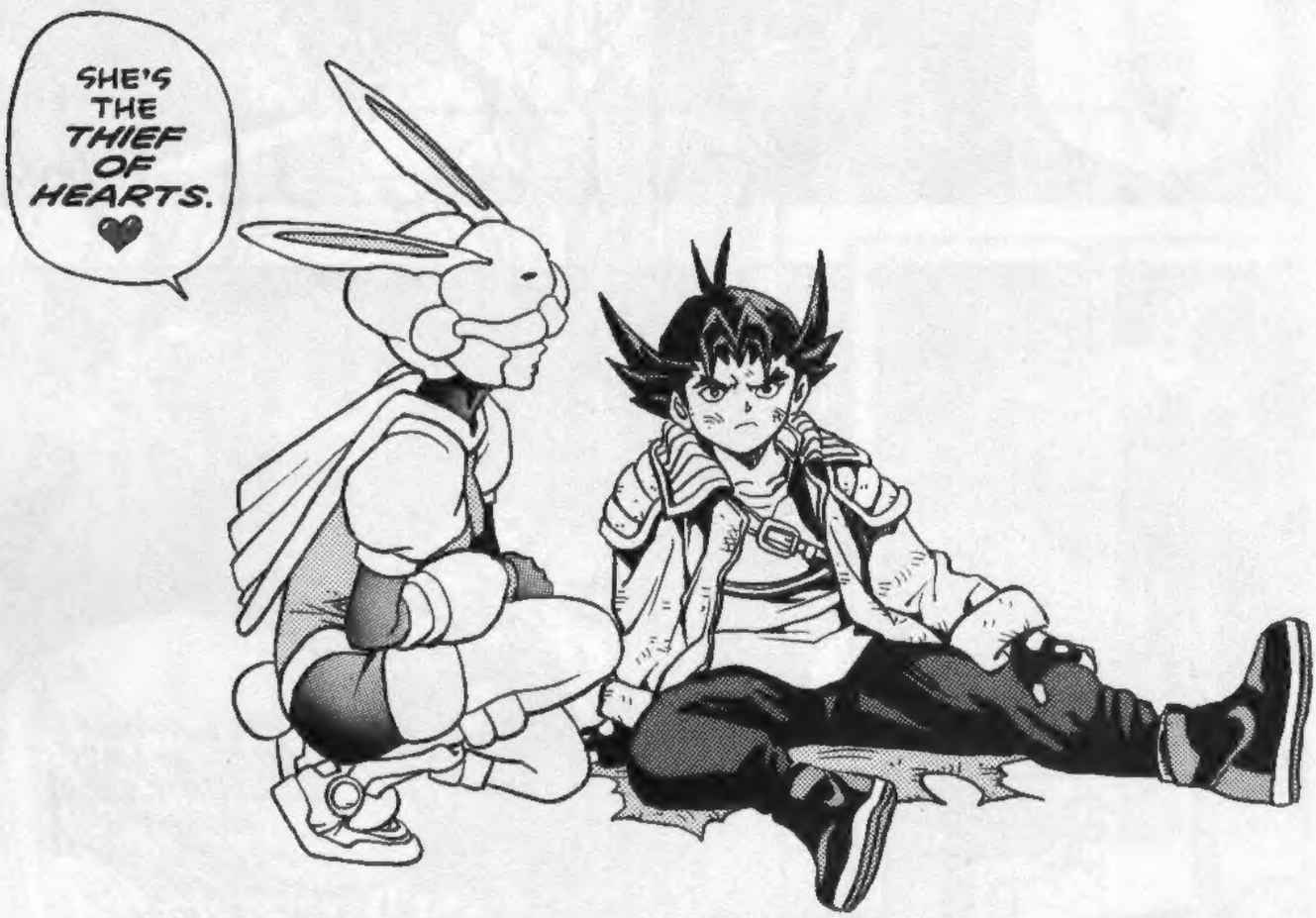
THAK!
SO YOU'RE THE "MAD BOMBER," HUH?
WHO... WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
!
PLAYING WITH BOMBS... STEALING JEWELS... THAT TAKES COJONES, PAL.
SO THIS OUGHTTA WRAP UP YOUR CA-REER!!
KRUNCH

I'M NOT GONNA THANK YOU, YOU KNOW.


HEH... THOSE JEWELS YOU WANTED TO STEAL GOT BLOWN ALL OVER THE CITY. BAD LUCK, EH... SHADOW LADY?

GUESS YOU FORGOT, HUH?

SHADOW LADY ISN'T A JEWEL THIEF.


SHE'S THE THIEF OF HEARTS.

SMOOCH

BYE-
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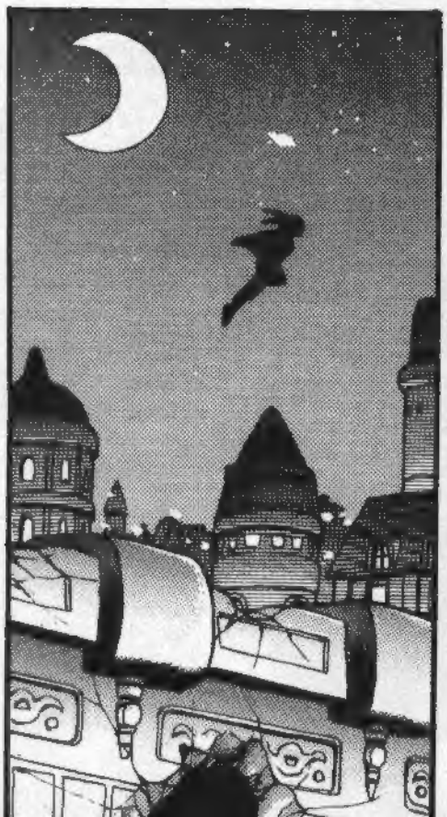

WELL, MAYBE SHADOW LADY COULDN'T STEAL BRIGHT'S HEART... BUT SHE LEFT ME COURAGE, AND A BELIEF IN MYSELF.

SO... THE NEXT DAY AT SCHOOL...
ER... BRIGHT?
HEH... THANKS, AIMI. YOU'RE REALLY SWEET.
BUT...
I'M SORRY. THE TRUTH IS, ANOTHER WOMAN'S ALREADY... STOLEN MY HEART.
WILL... I DON'T SUPPOSE... ER... WANNA SEE A MOVIE? OR... OR SOMETHING?
HUH?
GRAMMA! ARE YOU SURE THERE ISN'T ANY EYE SHADOW LEFT?!
ABSO-LUTELY POSITIV-ELY 100% SURE ?!?

THE END